

"Man is but a reed — the weakest thing in nature — but he is a reed that thinks."  
—Blaise Pascal

# The Northfield Press

"Truth, justice, and the welfare of man depend on individuals with the courage and opportunity to express their opinions."  
—Lancelot Whyte

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Mr. Manager:

I am a little girl of Camiers and I shall be happy that you give my letter to a little girl in Northfield. My name is Monique Gerin and I am eleven years old. I have two sisters and one brother. My brother speaks English a little and he assists me for this letter. The long vacation is soon ended. The school begins on first October. My father is innkeeper and I write to have a little friend in Northfield. I send a photo. I hope soon a answer. Your little friend of Camiers.

Camiers, France  
29 September, 1948

Monique

(This letter is printed as it was received — written in English)

## Enjoying Ridge Stay

A check up reveals that quite a number of our neighbors are occupying their cottages on the Ridge and will probably remain through the foliage season. It is also said that several families will spend the Columbus Day holiday here as well as the previous week end because of the foliage. Those now here are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cregar; Mrs. Elizabeth McIntyre and her sister, Miss Mabel Livingston; Miss Lucy Jackson; Miss Minnie Erb; Miss Therese Smar; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Willard and guests; Miss Louise Roe; Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke and guest.

## Calendar of Events

October 9,  
The Putney School Fair and Harvest, Putney, Vt.  
October 10,  
Rally Sunday at the Advent Christian Church.  
20-45 Club meeting, 7 p. m. Congregational Church.  
Annual fall meeting of the Conn. Valley Conference of Unitarian Churches, 8:15 p. m.  
October 12, Columbus Day.  
October 13,  
General business meeting, 7:30 p. m. Congregational Church.  
October 14,  
Afternoon Alliance meeting, 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Gertrude Whitney, speaker.  
Evening Alliance meeting, 8:15 p. m. West, speaker.  
October 15,  
Fortnightly meeting, 3 p. m. Miss Dorothea G. Norton, speaker.  
October 19,  
Friendly Class meeting.  
October 19,  
Brotherhood meeting.  
October 20,  
Chicken pie supper at the Vernon Union Church.  
V. F. W. meeting, Grange Hall, 8 p. m.  
October 21,  
Joint Installation, Haven H. Spencer Post and Auxiliary. Legion rooms.  
October 26,  
Regular meeting of the Haven H. Spencer Post.  
October 30,  
Halloween Party for the Children, Parade and party at the town hall.

## Senator Saltonstall Luncheon Speaker

The Franklin County Women's Republican Club will hear as guest speaker Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts at the annual fall meeting, Saturday, October 16, at 12:30 p. m. at the Mansion House, Greenfield. Any Northfield women desiring tickets for the luncheon may contact Natalie L. Briesmaster, Main street, East Northfield, membership chairman for the town of Northfield.

This meeting is also open to the men of the town. Reservations should be made not later than October 14.

## Pastor Goes South

Rev. and Mrs. Loring Chase who have occupied their summer home here in the Highlands left last week for their residence in Lake Como, Florida, where during the winter season Mr. Chase officiates as pastor of the church there. During the summer he acts as the pastor of Memorial chapel in Warwick. They are making the trip by auto. He and Mrs. Chase were given a farewell luncheon after the morning service last Sunday. Before leaving they received a visit from their daughter, Miss Priscilla Chase, who is with the Board of Missions in New York city.

## New Trustees Elected To Serve On Board

Lawrence Marshall, president elect of the Bank of the Manhattan Company of New York and formerly an officer of the United States Trust Company of New York, was elected to membership on the Board of Trustees of the Northfield Schools at their fall meeting here Saturday, October 2.

The board was entertained at dinner at the Northfield Hotel Friday evening and meetings of the corporators and trustees were held Saturday morning in Holbrook Hall at Mt. Hermon. Reports were presented by President Park covering the activities of the schools for the fiscal year which ended June 30.

The first number on the Northfield Schools Entertainment Course will be presented Saturday evening at 8:15 in the Auditorium. The program will consist of a recital by Miss Nancy Trickey, soprano, and Mr. Wesley Coppleson, tenor, who will sing both solos and duets. Their repertoire covers a wide range and their selections for this program include operatic arias, traditional classical numbers, folk songs, and modern music.

Saturday, October 9, Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will attend the trustee meeting at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Sunday evening he will be guest speaker at the Connecticut College for Women. On October 11, Dr. Park will be the speaker at the Springfield-Northfield Club dinner at the First Church in Court Square, Springfield.

Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., chaplain of the Northfield School for Girls, will be the preacher at the October 10, Sunday morning worship service in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 a. m. and Rev. Albert B. Buchanan, chaplain of Mt. Hermon School, will preach in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

## October Inspection Of Motor Vehicles

With the arrival of the autumn of October, all motor vehicles are required to undergo the bi-annual inspection. Motorists have until October 31st to meet the requirements of the law. Play safe and get your car inspected.

## 47 Candidates Seek Office On Nov. 2.

The ballots for the November 2 election will contain the following names of candidates and the parties they represent:

President and Vice-President  
Dewey - Warren — Republican  
Teichert - Emery — Socialist Labor  
Truman - Barkley — Democratic  
Wallace - Taylor — Progressive  
Watson - Learn — Prohibition  
Governor  
Robert F. Bradford — Republican  
Paul A. Dever — Democratic  
Horace I. Hillis — Socialist Labor  
Mark R. Shaw — Prohibition  
Lieutenant Governor  
Arthur W. Coolidge — Republican  
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan — Democratic  
Lawrence Gifford — Socialist Labor  
Guy S. Williams — Prohibition  
Secretary  
Frederic W. Cook — Republican  
Harold J. Cronin — Democratic  
Gote E. Palmquist — Socialist Labor  
Treasurer  
Laurence Curtis — Republican  
John E. Hurley — Democratic  
Harold J. Ireland — Prohibition  
Malcolm T. Rowe — Socialist Labor  
Auditor  
Thomas J. Buckley — Democratic  
Russell A. Wood — Republican  
Robert A. Simmons — Prohibition  
Francis A. Votano — Socialist Labor  
Attorney General  
Clarence A. Barnes — Republican  
Francis E. Kelly — Democratic  
Anthony Martin — Socialist Labor  
Senator in Congress  
Leverett Saltonstall — Republican  
John I. Fitzgerald — Democratic  
Henning A. Blomen — Socialist Labor  
E. Talmadge Root — Prohibition  
Congressman  
John W. Heselton — Republican  
Patrick J. O'Malley — Democratic  
Councillor  
William R. Barry — Republican  
Edward G. Shea — Democratic  
Representative in General Court  
George Fuller — Republican  
Register of Probate and Insolvency  
Lawrence A. Comins — Republican  
County Commissioners  
(Vote for Two)  
Carlos Allen — Republican  
Roy French — Republican  
County Treasurer  
William J. Newcomb

1201 Registered In Northfield for Voting

With the recent registration of 35 more voters by the Board of Registrars, the total registered has reached a new high of 1201.

Josephine S. Haskell, town clerk, reports that absentee ballots are now ready for those applying for them. Application forms for absentee ballots can be had at the town clerk's office.

Two new election officials, Willis K. Parker and Miss Edna Blazek, have been named, bringing the total to ten for the November 2 elections.

## The Sudden Death of Probate Court Judge

Judge Francis Nims Thompson of the Probate Court of this county died suddenly last week Tuesday afternoon at the Farren Memorial hospital following an attack of illness. He was a personal friend to many in Northfield and had often visited here to give talks on historical affairs especially at gatherings of the Historical Society. He was well and favorably known as a naturalist and an authority on historical matters in the Connecticut River valley, especially Franklin County. He was born in August 1872, the son of Francis M. and Mary (Nims) Thompson of Greenfield. He had occupied the judgeship of the Probate Court here for many years and many local estates were settled before him in Probate Court. He will be greatly missed in his various fields of activity. As the moving spirit in the Deerfield Historical Society and Museum his writings and addresses were always full of interest.

## Reduce Rail Rates For Sunday Travel

A 50% cut in railroad fares for travel on Sundays between Boston and 19 communities in Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire, will be established by the Boston and Maine Railroad commencing on Sunday, October 10, it was announced by C. F. Palmer, Passenger Traffic Manager for the road. The new rates will be effective for Sunday travel in either direction. Fares will be the regular one-way fare for the round trip. The reduced fares will be available at ticket offices only and will not be sold by conductors on the trains, Palmer said. Children's tickets for those under 12 and over 5 years of age will be sold at half price of the cut-rate tickets. The communities in which the experiment will be tried are Haverhill, Lawrence, Andover, Newburyport, Amesbury, Manchester, Exeter, Portsmouth, Concord, Manchester, Nashua in New Hampshire, and Portland and Biddeford in Maine.

Phelps Art Studio Open House a Big Success Last Sunday

John Edward Phelps, artist, son of Mrs. Florence Phelps of Northfield, held an "Open House" at his new art studio in Gill, last Sunday, October 3.

About 100 people visited the studio where they saw landscapes by Phelps' summer classes as well as his own work.

Phelps, and his family, moved to the Martindale place last May, and he has spent the summer rebuilding an old barn into a studio, conducting a class in landscape painting, constructing a 40 foot cottage in which to live and raising a vegetable garden.

This fall, Phelps will conduct art classes at the YMCA in Greenfield.

## A SHIPMENT OF FOOD AND CLOTHING TO BE COLLECTED FOR CAMIERS AID

The PRESS will make a bulk shipment to Camiers as soon as possible; this has been made possible by the receipt of many offers of clothing and food. All individuals having food and clothing or shoes can call or write to the Press — and we will come for them if donors cannot deliver them in person.

Although a bulk shipment will be made, the person-to-person adoption will continue to be stressed, for the bulk shipment and the individualized aid go hand in hand. Forty pairs of shoes and some good cast-off clothing have already been gathered, with much more to come.

The interchange of letters is already bearing fruit, for as noted in an adjoining column, a little friend in Camiers has written to "Mr. Manager". We will turn over the address of this little girl and her photo to another eleven year old in Northfield.

Many other letters from a wide area are beginning to go forward to Camiers, while we are sure that others are on the way from Camiers.

A fifth grade class in the Center School will adopt an equal number of children from Camiers, therefore giving great impetus to the program.

Many more names have been added to our prospective list of adopters, but not knowing the exact number of families to be adopted the need for more calls is still great.

The girls' school in Camiers has noted that they are in need of shirting, and wool for knitting. The younger children are in need of dolls, so if there are dolls lying around unused in closets or spare-rooms, find them, and send them to the PRESS.

In sending packages to individuals of food and clothing some reading should be included — LIFE magazines, other publications and appropriate books. The proportion of clothing and reading matter of course should be nominal, do not pack the boxes completely with reading matter, but just enough to furnish them with an opportunity to see our publications.

for this can be your most valuable contribution to these people.

If the information in the PRESS is not complete, and questions arise about the program, we welcome your call or letter.

## Unitarian Fall Conference, Oct. 10

The annual Fall meeting of the Conn. Valley Conference of Unitarian Churches will be held in Warwick, Sunday, Oct. 10, at 3:15. (Not Oct. 14 as reported last week) There will be guest speakers at the afternoon and evening sessions. Following the business meeting and election of officers, there will be a supper at Warwick Inn.

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**Look in the Closet**

A friend of ours has an excellent philosophy and we would like to pass it on to our readers, she says, "anything I have in the house that I have not used for the past year will be given to some needy person."

We began to think about it, and discovered that we have many articles of clothing, household linens, yard goods, magazines, ribbons, yarn, knitting needles, sewing thread, curtains, writing paper, pencils, pens, books, and many other items too numerous to mention which could be sent to someone in need. We should all make a thorough search for those unused articles and "adopt" a French Family in the little ruined village of Camiers.

**The Nine Questions**

The ballot for the November 2nd elections will contain, in addition to the 47 candidates seeking 15 offices in the county, state and nation, nine questions which have been placed on the ballot.

The questions are not available for publication at the moment, but when they are ready for general distribution the PRESS will publish the full context of the questions.

People should be warned to study these questions before they enter the polling booths, for no hurried glance and quick look will allow them to vote properly.

The questions sometimes are so worded, in legal terms, that it is difficult to know whether to vote YES or NO.

Careful study should be made of all 9 questions, for they are all very important and worthy of much thought.

**Planning Committee**

A news item carried in last week's edition of the PRESS announced the suggestion that a town-wide planning board, to be called the CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF NORTHFIELD, be organized in town.

The local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in making this suggestion empowered their Commander to serve and represent them on this proposed Planning Committee.

The membership of this committee will be composed of the heads of the various organizations in town, and representatives of other major groups, such as churches, schools and town government.

An organization of this kind would serve many important and vital purposes, most important of all it would set up an all-inclusive unit designed to cope with emergencies, with the planning for civic celebrations, with the sponsoring of community projects.

It would take the diversified energies of the many organizations in town, eliminate the duplication of efforts and aim, gather all the loose ends into a constructive cohesive unit, all this for the ultimate good of the town.

The president or chairman of every organization in Northfield is urged to give full consideration to this CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF NORTHFIELD.

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**THE "SQUEEZE" BOX**

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

**A Letter To Monique**

(An answer, in the form of an open letter, to my little friend in Camiers, Monique.)

Dear Monique:

Your letter addressed to me (Mr. Manager) arrived the other day, and we were very happy to receive it. We were also happy to see it written in English; for our French is not too good.

I have been writing about Camiers, about the people there, and why we should "adopt" your little village. I have made speeches to other people, and to myself, trying to explain what we should do and how we should do it.

Then we got your letter - and it answered all the questions we could ask, and we hope it will answer all the questions others might ask.

For you said, "I shall be happy that you give my letter to a little girl in Northfield," and then you said, "I write to have a little friend in Northfield."

We will give your letter to a little girl in Northfield soon, and we want you to know that we shall do all we can to make sure that every little girl, and boy, in Camiers will have "a little friend in Northfield."

More than that, we want you to know that we will make sure that your father, the innkeeper, and every man and woman in Camiers will have a "big" friend in Northfield.

We will also find a friend for your brother, who "speaks english a little", then he can write to his own friend.

So Monique, remember one thing, you have many friends in Northfield - they are both big and little.

Thank you for your photo. We will send one, as soon as we can find one as pretty as your photo.

Your big friend of Northfield.

Mr. Manager

**CHURCH NOTES****TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister  
Sunday, October 10, 10:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Class  
11:00 a.m. Public Worship. Sermon subject, "Being of Good Cheer." Nursery for pre-school age children.

6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Roger Lopez, leader of the devotional service. Pledge to be taken by new members. Joan Williams will speak on "Pilgrim Fellowship Missionary Projects."

7:00 p.m. October meeting of the 20-45 club in the vestry. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson and their committee will serve a light supper. Mr. Gerald Quigley will speak on and show pictures of "The Development and Production of the New Helicopter."

**NOTE**

The annual Business Meeting of the Trinitarian Congregational Church will be held in the vestry on Wednesday evening, October 13th, at 7:30. A parish supper will be served at 6:30. Mrs. Francis Reed, chairman. Each family is requested to bring a main dish of macaroni or potatoes with meat or a meat substitute. There will be no other charge for the supper.

**COMING EVENTS**  
The Fall Association meeting is held on Sunday afternoon and evening, October 17th.

Franklin County Brotherhoods meeting at St. James Episcopal Church, Greenfield, on Monday evening, October 18th.

Evening meeting of the Women's Guild on Thursday, October 21st with guest speaker.

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Weekly Prayer meeting, Thursday at 7:45 p.m.

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Sunday, October 10, 11:00 a.m. Service and sermon.

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**FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor

Sunday, October 10, 10:30 a.m. Service and Sermon.

"The Heart's Desire" 11:30 a.m. Study School.

7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise.

Wednesday, October 12, 10:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

**COLONIAL CHRONICLES**

A NEW SERIES BEGINS NEXT WEEK

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"The Fort and The River"

For the past thirty-three weeks the Northfield Press and the Northfield Historical Society have enjoyed a pleasant association in presenting in this column a series called the Colonial Chronicles. History in the Making in Northfield, written by Miss Missie S. Scott, president of the Society.

Despite the press of other duties Miss Scott has been able to continue this weekly series, proving once again her worth as a historian of the local scene.

Many appreciative comments have reached us about the excellence of the column, we of course relay these compliments to Miss Scott, and have every hope that she may be able to resume her place in this column with another series of interesting anecdotes of Northfield History.

The PRESS will attempt an experiment in this space next week. Beginning with that issue the Press will take a number of episodes in the early history of the town and present them in the form of fiction.

In presenting this type of weekly column the PRESS would appreciate the suggestions of its readers and any information that might serve to form the basis for this kind of story.

**VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD**

The American Legion  
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Dear Comrade Commander and Comrades:  
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Most of the pictures were taken in New England; some are copies from old photos and others were added to their collection by friends, mainly those from California, Canada and Oregon. There are 19 cards of mounted photos in the collection, which includes views of over 70 different bridges.

Of special interest locally are those of old Northfield Toll Bridge which was built in 1847 and replaced by the present structure, known as the Schell bridge, in 1904; the old railroad bridge which went out in the 1936 flood; and the covered bridge in Winchester which was

torn down in 1940 and replaced by a cement structure.

We deeply appreciate the kindness which prompted the loaning of this choice collection to the library and trust many will take this opportunity to view the work of our forefathers and the landmarks which are gradually disappearing from our midst.

new books up to the date of the make up in variety what is lacking in "Hindley".

A western, Return to Powder Valley by Mildred C. Hyster; The Case of the Curious Client, by Bush; Light Action, Mary Arden, by Grace and Ruth Hitt; a historical novel, Unconquered, by Swanson; and for the young people, King's Man, by Edmonstone.

For the little folks, we have the tale of Moonmouse, by Evers. We are glad to have the Bookmobile back again, from which I was able to borrow several children's books on their recent trip.

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"ESCAPE"

REX HARRISON

PEGGY CUMMINS

Fri. - Sat. Oct. 15 - 16

"ALL MY SONS"

EDW. G. ROBINSON

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"SILVER RIVER"

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Tuesday - No Show

Wed. - Thurs. Oct. 13 - 14

"MONEY MADNESS"

and

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## Northfield High School News

Approximately eighty students and faculty members attended an Acquaintance Social at the Town Hall on Friday evening, Sept. 24. Dancing, games, and refreshments were enjoyed by all. The program and refreshment committee consisted of Rita Mello, Esther Carter, Marilyn Browning, Eleanor Fisher, Nancy Jack, and Arolyn Bolton who represented their respective classes.

### Various pupils of Northfield High School are selling Christmas Cards and gift wrappings in their neighborhoods.

"All proceeds of the sale of these cards will be used to buy basketball uniforms for both boys and girls' teams. An enthusiastic response has been made in the neighborhoods that have been visited to date.

Robert Whitney of the freshman class has transferred to the Greenfield Vocational School.

Members of the junior class

have been examining samples of class rings as presented by ring salesmen with a view to purchasing rings this fall.

Northfield High School will soon be adorned by an appropriate sign of gold leaf letters on a black sand background. Money was left by the class of 1943 to purchase such a sign.

Edwin Stevens of the Class of 1943 visited classes on Tuesday.

All students were given physical examinations by Dr. F. Wilton Dean last week and were generally found to be in very good health.

The Recorder Gazette trophy awarded to Northfield High School through sports competition in the Border League during the school year 1943-44 has been inscribed and is on display in Room 7. Any townspeople who wish to see the display of trophies are welcome at any time.

During the summer vacation, members of the class of 1944 realized the sum of \$125.65 toward the Washington trip fund. The food sale of August 7 conducted on the lawn of the Unitarian church netted \$31.30 while the play "Shav- ing" presented by the Northfield Players on Aug. 9 and 10 netted \$47.50.

The play, "Kathy, the Great" has been selected to be presented by the senior class at the Town Hall in November.

Three members of the Pro Merito Society accompanied by Miss Hawley of the faculty went to Orange High School on Wednesday, October 5, to take part in a district conference of that honor society. Members attending the meeting were Vera Allen, Mary Ann Wozniak, and Marion Andrew.

Manuel Mello and Russell Hutchins received leg injuries while participating in a touch football game with Powers Institute on Tuesday. Mello received first aid treatment and an examination from Dr. F. Wilton Dean, school physician. Both boys are reported as being back on both feet again.

George Sheldon of the eighth grade is recovering from an emergency appendectomy performed at Franklin County Hospital, last Friday. George is reported as doing very well.

Principal George M. Leonard and Coach Harold McLean recently attended a meeting in Barnardston with coaches and principals from Powers Institute, Hinsdale High School, and New Salem Academy, for the purpose of organizing a basketball league, both boys' and girls' teams, to be known as the Kings' Path League. A schedule of six games has been arranged for each team, with Northfield's schedule as follows: January 14, Hinsdale here; Jan. 21, at Powers; Jan. 28, at New Salem; Feb. 4, at Hinsdale; Feb. 11, Powers here; Feb. 18, New Salem here. It is planned to have refreshments on sale and a short period of dancing after each game. Other games for both boys and girls will be arranged with schools from nearby towns in the near future.

The last ranking period will close on October 29.

Schools will be closed on October 8, in order that the teachers may attend the Franklin County Teachers' Convention to be held in Greenfield High School. Principal George M. Leonard is a member of the executive committee of that organization. Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson of the Center School faculty and Mr. Leonard are to act as chairmen of two of the scheduled group meetings.

The students of Northfield High School will conduct their annual magazine sales campaign during the weeks of October 13 and 20. All citizens who are to renew subscriptions are asked to renew them through the school pupils. Proceeds will be used for a worthy school project to be announced later.

Schools will be closed on October 11 and 12 for the Columbus Day holidays.

## N. H. S. Swamps foe in Touch Football.

The Northfield High School Touch football team won its second straight game in the current Border League competition, by overwhelming the Barnardston team on Tuesday. This victory coupled with the recent 6-0 victory over Winchester gives the local team a 2 victory-no loss record in league competition.

The N. H. S. team will meet the undefeated Hinsdale, N. H. team next Wednesday at Hinsdale.

The line up in the recent game against Barnardston was: Manuel Mello, qb; Roger Bassett, hb; Irwin Severance, fb; John Jurkowski, re; Richard Whitney, rg; Warren Whitney, c; Edward Parsons, lg; Joseph Bilmon, le; Subs: Fisher, Hutchins, Duda, Clough and Morgan.

## Drought Hits Local Water Supply System

Things are pretty dry all over, but Northfield has only been this dry twice before in 45 year period, according to Frank Williams of the Northfield Water Company.

The source and supply of Northfield water has reached a very low point, and it has been necessary to supplement this supply by making arrangements with the East Northfield Water company. A pipe line from the East Northfield Water supply has been hooked up at the Congregational Church to bring water to Northfield proper.

Notices have been given to all water users to take care in their use of water for no immediate relief is in sight.

In some outlying areas wells have completely dried up forcing people to commute miles for water. They have been doing this for several weeks with no promise of water, unless heavy rains replenish the supply.

## Winter Sports Requests Start Early This Year

Outside newspapers and the public are already thinking of winter sports and began two weeks ago, requesting information on Pioneer Valley towns offering skiing, skating, and tobogganing, according to Miss Pearl Thomas, office manager of the Pioneer Valley Association. "It seems odd to have these requests coming in the same mail with requests for information on fall foliage," said Miss Thomas, who asks anyone planning new winter sports developments to get in touch with the Association headquarters at Northampton, so they

may be listed in the new winter sports bulletin published annually by the Association.

Miss Thomas also said that she is sending out today, copies of last year's bulletin for checking by operators and town officials in 22 towns, that last year offered winter sports attractions. She asked that these be okayed for publication by October 15, a month earlier than any previous year. None of the inquiries can be followed up until the present list is checked.

## New Citizens

### BARBER

At Franklin County Public Hospital, Oct. 6, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin L. Barber of Northfield; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Avery of Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. Myron E. Barber of Barnardston.

### RANDALL

At Farren Memorial hospital, Oct. 6, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harland Randall of Aldridge street, East Northfield.

### DAVIS

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Davis of Lake Placid on Sept. 27. Grandson to Mrs. Margaret P. Davis, Northfield.

### MILLER

A son, Robert Page, on Wednesday, Sept. 29, in Los Angeles, California, to Dr. and Mrs. Charles D. Miller, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin of Tokyo, Japan; great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle of East Northfield.

## Weddings

### YETTER - MARSHALL

Lucetta Bell Marshall of 50 Chapman street, Greenfield, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Marshall of 33 Highland avenue, East Northfield, and David Andrew Yetter of 49 Chapman street, Greenfield, son of Mrs. Frank J. Yetter and the late Frank J. Yetter of 49 Chapman street, Greenfield, were married at 8 p. m., Saturday in the Trinitarian Congregational Church, East Northfield, by Rev. Joseph Reeves, who used the double-ring service.

The church was decorated with white chrysanthemums and pom-poms in candlelight.

Traditional wedding music was played by Mrs. Arthur Bolton of East Northfield. Miss Janice Hodgson of Greenfield sang, "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

Mrs. Robert Johnson of this town was matron of honor and Mrs. William Marshall of Gwynedd Valley, Penn., sister-in-law of the bride and Miss Rosemarie Yetter of Greenfield, sister of the bridegroom, were bridesmaids.

Frank J. Yetter, Jr., of Greenfield, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. George Marshall of East Northfield, brother of the bride, Sidney Yetter of Greenfield, brother of the bridegroom, Francis Tolman and Efford Pierce of Greenfield, ushers.

The bride wore a gown of imported nylon eyelet sent by her father from Japan. It was trimmed with illusion. She carried a crescent bouquet of stephanotis, gardenias and a white orchid in the center. Her cap-shaped veil was trimmed with heliolum lace and stephanotis.

The matron of honor wore rose taffeta with crescent bouquet of pompons and matching tiara. Mrs. Marshall wore aqua taffeta and carried a crescent bouquet of pompons and matching tiara. Miss Yetter wore yellow taffeta with a crescent bouquet of pompons and matching tiara.

There was a reception in the church vestry with Mrs. George Marshall of East Northfield in charge of the guest book. Assisting were Mrs. Emory Rikert, Mrs. Lee Bolton, Mrs. Courtland Finch of East Northfield, the bride and groom, matron of honor, best man, and mothers of the couple. Mrs. Frank J. Yetter, Jr., cut the wedding cake.

The bride's mother wore a purple gown with white accessories and orchid corsage. The bridegroom's mother wore grey with grey accessories and an orchid corsage. White pompons, chrysanthemums and evergreens decorated the vestry.

For an unannounced trip the bride wore a green gabardine suit with brown accessories and white orchid corsage. They will live at 49 Chapman St. Greenfield, after October 12.

The bride was graduated from Brookline high school in the class of 1945 and is employed at Ann's beauty salon. The bridegroom was graduated from Greenfield high school in 1944 and served in the army during World War II. He was stationed in Japan for part of the time. He is employed by Yetter the florist.

## Planning Committee Endorsed by P.-T. A.

The Parent-Teachers Association of Northfield, at their regular meeting October 6, voted to have their president, James C. Gillespie, represent the group at the first organizational meeting of the proposed Central Planning Committee of Northfield on November 17. The meeting place to be announced later.

The P.-T. A. also voted to endorse the adoption project of the Northfield Press, following a short talk on the program of adoption unto Hantunen, Editor of the Press.

Reports from the various committee heads were heard during the business meeting: I. J. Lawrence, Program; Mrs. Charles White, Membership; Mrs. David Hammond, Hospitality; Mrs. Virginia Haack, Music; Mr. Robert Barnes, Basketball; Alvin Porter, Ways and Means; Edgar J. Livingston, Treasurer, also read his report.

The program opened with songs by Bradford Newcomb, who played his own accompaniment, and Mr. Newcomb responded to the warm applause with an encore. Dr. F. Wilton Dean, School Physician, spoke of his duties in the school and of the various clinics available in Franklin County. Miss Mary E. Lewis, head of the public health nursing in Franklin County, spoke briefly of the duties of a town public health nurse, and what townspeople can do to help the nurse in her duties.

The November program will feature talks and motion pictures by Monroe and Geabel Smith on their recent trip to Europe. Mrs. Martha Loper will sing several songs. Refreshments were served by a committee, with Mrs. Howard Skinner, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Corys Heston, Mrs. Charles Eppata and Mrs. Norman Whittey.



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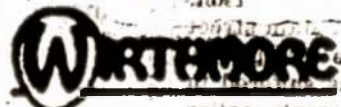
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## Rep. Hesekton At Fortnightly Meeting

A well attended Fortnightly meeting last Friday, heard Rep. John Hesekton speak on a subject he thought of greater importance than any present election issues.

Rep. Hesekton wants every American to do his part in supporting the United Nations organization, and help to make it strong and effective. He said that we should study and discuss the international situation so that we can better appraise the news stories. Hesekton did not think there was any immediate danger of war because the U. S. is better prepared militarily than any other country.

Preceding the talk was a business meeting with reports from membership and the treasury. Piano selections by Mrs. Robert N. Taylor included several encores.

Tea hostesses were Mrs. Roger Greenwood, Mrs. Norman Nims, Mrs. Ansel B. True and Mrs. Albert Anderson.

## Pulaski Day, Oct. 11

Gov. Robert F. Bradford has proclaimed Monday, October 11, 1948, as "Pulaski Day" in honor of Count Casimir Pulaski, Polish Revolutionary War Hero.

Pulaski, born in Poland, fought for the freedom of men against Austria, Prussia and Russia. Upon the recommendation of Franklin and Lafayette from Paris, Pulaski joined the American Army under Washington as a private.

Washington, sensing his greatness, promoted him to Brigadier-General. Gen. Pulaski fought at Brandywine, Germantown, Charleston and Savannah. During the later engagement he was mortally wounded and died on Oct. 11, 1779.

The Day will be commemorated with appropriate exercises throughout the Commonwealth.

## Church Brotherhoods Meet Monday, Oct. 18

The Franklin County Federation of Church Brotherhoods and Men's Clubs will hold its fall meeting, Monday, October 18, 1948, with dinner being served at 5:30 and 6:30. The meeting will be held at the St. James Episcopal Church, Greenfield, with Judge Frankland W. L. Miles speaking on "Your Job and Mine". Judge Miles is recognized for his outstanding work with juveniles.

Local members of the Brotherhood, or other interested people, desiring to attend may secure tickets from Edward M. Powell, Jr., at his office in East Northfield, or evenings at his home.

## Town Topics

Dr. and Mrs. George Bronson, injured in a collision on Main street some time ago, have completely recovered from injuries suffered in the crash. Mrs. Bronson's collar

bone, although healed, is still a little stiff.

George W. Sheldon, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Sheldon, is recovering from an emergency appendectomy at the Franklin County Hospital. He is going fine and should be home any day now. Dr. Spencer Plc. of Greenfield operated.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and family, have returned to their home in Chappaqua, N. Y., with Mrs. James Parker.

Mrs. A. G. Moody is visiting her son George in Springfield and her daughter in Princetown, N. J.

Mr. William Nelson, office manager at the A. Y. H., along with wife and family, is leaving on a vacation trip to Kansas, where they will visit with his folks.

Among those returning to school this fall were: Calvin Greenwood, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; John Greenwood, Norwich U., Norwich, Vt.; Richard Reeves, U. of Kentucky; Norton Field, Brown University; Ann Livingston, Kenka College, N. Y.; Robert Miller, John Addison, Caroline Miller all at the University of Mass.; Goddard Winterbottom, Harvard; John Powell, Colby; David Powell, Yale.

Mrs. Robert P. Barnes of Northfield Farm has resumed her work as teacher of piano.

Mrs. William Stull of Madison, N. J., was a recent guest of Miss Louise Roe and Miss Lucy Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Nardin Lessing and family who have occupied the Richardson cottage in Pine Grove this summer have left for their home in Springfield. Mr. Lessing was a member of the musical trio which gave concerts at the Northfield Hotel during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of Providence are spending a few weeks at their summer home in

Mountain Park, which is being entirely repainted.

Mrs. Maude N. Voris of Jamaica, N.Y., with a friend is at her cottage on Myrtle street for a short stay and enjoying auto trips about the vicinity to appreciate the foliage.

Frank D. Huber with his staff of Northfield painters are finishing his contract for the repainting of the Congregational Church on Main street in Brattleboro.

The Republican Town Committee have been advised that Governor Thomas E. Dewey is expected to stop at Greenfield while enroute to Boston for his New England tour on Thursday, October 28th. It is quite possible that his appearance will be arranged at a special gathering and Northfield people will be welcome to attend.

The selectmen of Northfield are planning to attend the meeting and conference of the State Selectmen's association which will be held in Greenfield at the Mansion House on Thursday, October 21st. At the banquet, Quincey Howe, well known commentator will be the guest speaker and his subject will be "The World Today".

The Northfield Club of Franklin County which is composed of graduates of the Northfield School for Girls and of which Mrs. Lester P. White of Mount Hermon is president, will increase their activities by holding six meetings during the year instead of three. On Sunday, October 17, the club will visit the "Cathedral in the Pines" at Rindge, N. H., and participate in the service there.

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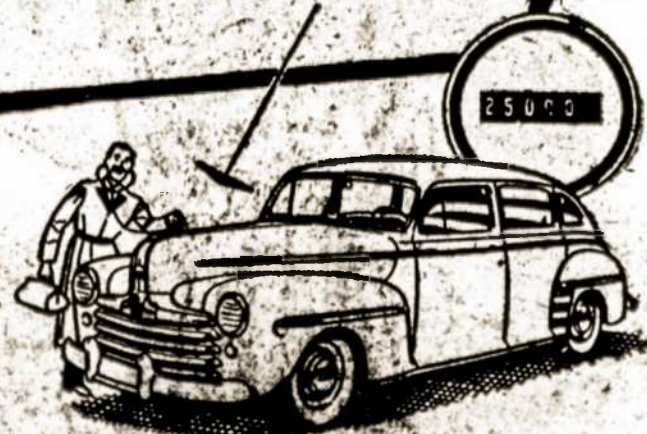
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